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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR ANCHORING JOINING ELEMENTS IN MATERIAL HAVING PORES OR CAVITIES AND JOINING ELEMENTS FOR ANCHORING

## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows to remove multiple dependency.

Claim 6:

line 2, change "one of the claims 1 to" to -- claim --. Claim 7:

line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to" to -- claim --. Claim 8:

line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to" to -- claim --. Claim 9:

line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to" to -- claim --. Claim 10:

line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to" to -- claim --.